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DEED-Related Chapters

Chapter	House File	Senate File	Description	Presented	Signed
SS 1	SS HF3	SS SF2	Omnibus employment, economic development, jobs, and energy bill.	6/13/15	6/13/15
SS 5	SS HF2	SS SF4	Omnibus bonding bill.	6/13/15	6/13/15
69	HF 845	SF5	Omnibus higher education policy and finance bill.	5/20/15	5/22/15
77	HF 495	SF888	Omnibus state government finance bill.	5/20/15	5/23/15

Agency-Wide

Policy

Competitive Grant Limitation

Stipulates that an organization that receives a direct appropriation under the 2015 jobs and energy bill is not eligible to participate in DEED competitive grant programs during the fiscal years in which the direct appropriations are received.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 7

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Appropriations

Operating increase

Includes increased funding to be spread across DEED programs to account for higher operating costs.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4

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Business and Community Development

Policy

Workforce Housing Development Program

Establishes M.S. 116J.549. Creates a new program to provide grant awards for the development of workforce housing in targeted geographic areas. Defines terms, application procedures, and other program requirements. Restricts grants to 25% of overall project costs. Requires a report to the Legislature.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 2.

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Greater Minnesota Business Expansion Program policy changes

Amends M.S. 116J.8738. Corrects law passed in 2014 to specify that application fees collected under the Greater Minnesota Business Expansion Program should be deposited in the special revenue fund. Appropriates those fees to DEED for administrative use.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 3-4.

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Job Training Grant Program

Establishes M.S. 116L.42. Establishes a new program allowing DEED to reimburse employers for eligible training costs. Requires a report to the Legislature.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 8.

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Modifications to Workforce Housing Pilot Program

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 308, Article 6, Section 14. Stipulates that grants may be up to \$1,000,000 and may account for up to 25% of project costs.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 21.

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Destination Medical Center

Amends M.S. 469.40, 469.43, 469.45, and 469.47. Retroactively modifies the definition of “public infrastructure project.” Retroactively restricts city funds from paying for expenses incurred by a nonprofit economic development agency if the expenses are unrelated to public infrastructure. Retroactively modifies and restricts the allowable uses of local tax dollars. Retroactively modifies local match requirements.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 8, Sec. 1 – Sec.5.

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Policy Change to Alexandria Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 294, HF1068, Sec. 21, Subd. 3. Modifies allowable uses and match requirements.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 17.

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Policy Change to Lake Elmo Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 294, HF1068, Sec. 21, Subd. 10. Modifies allowable uses.
Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 18.
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Policy Change to Minneapolis – Brian Coyle Center Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 294, HF1068, Sec. 21, Subd. 12. Modifies allowable uses.
Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 19.
Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us

Policy Change to Hennepin County – Center for the Arts Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 294, HF1068, Sec. 21, Subd. 13. Modifies recipient of grant.
Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 20.
Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us

Policy Change to Red Wing – River Renaissance Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 294, HF1068, Sec. 21, Subd. 16. Modifies allowable uses and non-state match requirements.
Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 21.
Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us

Policy Change to St. Paul – Palace Theater Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 294, HF1068, Sec. 21, Subd. 18. Modifies recipient of grant.
Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 22.
Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us

Policy Change to St. Paul – Children’s Museum Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 295, HF1068, Sec. 10, Subd. 12. Modifies non-state match requirement.
Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 24.
Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us

Policy Change to Virginia – Highway 53 Bonding Allocation

Amends Laws 2014, Chapter 294, HF1068, Sec. 21, Subd. 23. Modifies allowable uses and non-state match requirement.
Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 3, Sec. 23.
Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us

Evaluation of Economic Development Incentive Programs

Adds M.S. 3.9735. Requires the Office of the Legislative Auditor to review economic development incentives on an annual basis and submit a report to the Legislative Audit Commission. Directs the Office of the Legislative Auditor to complete an analysis of best practices for certain kinds of incentives every four years.
Reference: Laws 2015, Chapter 77, SF 888, Article 2, Sec. 2.
Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us

Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
Minnesota Investment Fund Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$15,000,000 in SFY16, \$15,000,000 in SFY17	Stipulates that up to \$4,000,000 in SFY16 may be used for a loan to construct a \$10,000,000 aircraft manufacturing facility. Exempts the loan from requirements under M.S. 116J.8731 and directs DEED to forgive the loan following satisfactory performance.
Job Creation Fund Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$12,500,000 in SFY16, \$12,500,000 in SFY17	Allows up to three percent for administrative expenses. Specifies that funds are available until expended.
Contamination Investigation and Cleanup Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$1,972,000 in SFY16, \$1,972,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds are available until expended.
Business Development Competitive Grant Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$1,425,000 in SFY16, \$1,425,000 in SFY17	Allows up to five percent for administration and monitoring. Specifies that all grant awards will be for two consecutive years and will be awarded in the first year.
Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$4,195,000 in SFY16, \$4,195,000 in SFY17	Specifies that if the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available.
Upper Minnesota Film Office grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$12,000 in SFY16, \$12,000 in SFY17	N/A
Minnesota Film and TV Board Operating Funds Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$325,000 in SFY16, \$325,000 in SFY17	Requires \$1 in private matching contributions for every \$3 of state funds, except that the first \$50,000 of funding is available at the beginning of each fiscal year even if the match requirement has not yet been met.
Minnesota Film and TV Board “Snowbate” Program	\$3,500,000 in SFY16, \$1,500,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds are available until expended.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us		
Host Community Economic Development Grant Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$875,000 in SFY16, \$875,000 in SFY17	N/A
Workforce Housing Pilot Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$1,373,000 in SFY16	Allows up to five percent for administration and monitoring. Specifies that funds are available until expended.
Workforce Housing Grants Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$2,000,000 in SFY16, \$2,000,000 in SFY17	Allows up to five percent for administration and monitoring. Specifies that funds are available until expended.
Center for Rural Policy and Development grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$139,000 in SFY16, \$139,000 in SFY17	N/A
Initiative Foundation grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$400,000 in SFY16	Specifies that funds must be used to support and develop entrepreneurs in diverse populations in southern and southwestern Minnesota.
Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$1,900,000 in SFY16, \$1,300,000 in SFY17	Specifies that that the appropriation is available until spent and that funds may be used for site preparation of a property owned and to be used by private entities. Specifies that \$1,800,000 of the appropriation in SFY16 be used for a grant to the City of Cambridge to fund ongoing development and improvement of Trunk Highway 95. Specifies that \$100,000 of the appropriation in SFY16 be used for a grant to the City of Taylors Falls for economic development, redevelopment, and job creation programs and projects.

City of Delano grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$35,000 in SFY16	Specifies that funds may be used to reimburse the City of Delano for unexpected tax liabilities related to previous Fourth of July celebrations.
Eastside Enterprise Center grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$500,000 in SFY16	Specifies that grant funds be used for economic development and job creation, including loans, business and workforce training, and business assistance. Specifies that the appropriation will be divided equally between African Economic Development Solutions, the Asian Economic Development Association, and the Latino Economic Development Center.
Job Training Grant Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2. Contact: 651-259-7430 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$900,000 in SFY16, \$900,000 in SFY17	Provides funding for the new Job Training Grant Program under M.S. 116L.42.

Bonding

Program	Funding	Statutory Language
Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 1, Sec. 14. Contact: 651-259-7460 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$1,000,000	Provides funding for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.431.
Transportation Economic Development Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 1, Sec. 14. Contact: 651-259-7460 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$2,000,000	Provides funding for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.436.
Sauk Centre - Eagle's Healing Nest Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 1, Sec. 14. Contact: 651-259-7460 / economic.development@state.mn.us	\$300,000	Specifies that funds are for a grant to Eagle's Healing Nest to replace the roof at its facility that serves veterans, service members, and their families in Sauk Centre.

General Support Services

Policy

Workforce program outcomes

Amends M.S 116L.98. Expands uniform outcome measurement and reporting to include additional DEED programs. Adds additional reporting criteria and metrics. Requires DEED to publish analysis on its web site in statistical and graphic form. Directs DEED to conduct net impact analysis of career pathways programs.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 2, Sec. 10 – Sec. 13.

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Paid Family and Medical Leave Program Study

In collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services, requires DEED to produce a report to the Legislature on the most efficient and effective mechanisms to provide partial wage replacement for workers taking parental, family, or medical leave.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 5, HF2, Article 2, Sec. 22.

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Higher Education Attainment Goals

Amends M.S. 136A.121. Requires the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and DEED to track and publicize institution-level performance outcomes.

Reference: Laws 2015, Chapter 69, SF5, Article 3, Sec. 9.

Contact: Rachel Vilsack, 651.259.7403 or rachel.vilsack@state.mn.us

Occupational Scholarship Pilot Program

Requires DEED to designate occupational fields that are “in demand” to support the development of the MnSCU College Occupational Scholarship Pilot Program.

Reference: Laws 2015, Chapter 69, SF5, Article 3, Sec. 20.

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Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
Cost of Living Study Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4 Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us	\$150,000 in SFY16, \$150,000 in SFY17	Provides funding for the Cost of Living Study required under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.013.
Labor Market Information Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4 Contact: Steve Hine,	\$250,000 in SFY16, \$250,000 in SFY17	Provides funding for the publication, dissemination, and use of labor market information under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.4011.

651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us		
Family Medical Leave Insurance Program Study Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4 Contact: Kim Babine, 651.259.7677 or kim.babine@state.mn.us	\$150,000 in SFY16	Provides funding for an analysis of various options for the delivery of a family medical leave insurance program and associated costs and benefits.
Workforce program outcome measurement activities Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4 Contact: Rachel Vilsack, 651.259.7403 or rachel.vilsack@state.mn.us	\$200,000 in SFY16	Provides funding for workforce program outcome activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.98.

Minnesota Trade Office

Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5 Contact: 651.259.7499 or MTO.TradeAssistance@state.mn.us	\$300,000 in SFY16, \$300,000 in SFY17	N/A
Invest Minnesota Marketing Initiative Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5 Contact: 651.259.7499 or MTO.TradeAssistance@state.mn.us	\$180,000 in SFY16, \$180,000 in SFY17	N/A
Trade Policy Advisory Group Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5 Contact: 651.259.7499 or MTO.TradeAssistance@state.mn.us	\$50,000 in SFY16, \$50,000 in SFY17	N/A
Minnesota Trade Office expansions Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5 Contact: 651.259.7499 or MTO.TradeAssistance@state.mn.us	\$270,000 in SFY16, \$270,000 in SFY17	N/A

Office of Broadband Development

Policy

Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program

Amends M.S. 116J.394. Modifies definition of “unserved areas”.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 1

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Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
Office of Broadband Development Operating Funding Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 9 Contact: Danna Mackenzie, 651.259.7611 or danna.mackenzie@state.mn.us	\$250,000 in SFY16, \$250,000 in SFY17	N/A
Border-to-Border Broadband Fund Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 9 Contact: Danna Mackenzie, 651.259.7611 or danna.mackenzie@state.mn.us	\$10,588,000 in SFY16	Stipulates that 3% of funds may be used for administrative costs, including measuring progress toward statutory broadband goals.

Olmstead Implementation Office

Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
Olmstead Implementation Office Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 4 Contact: Darlene Zangara, 651.318.0506 or darlene.zangara@state.mn.us	\$1,300,000 in SFY16, \$1,300,000 in SFY17	Provides that the base appropriation for the office is \$1,269,000 for fiscal year 2018 and \$1,269,000 in fiscal year 2019.

State Services for the Blind

Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
State Services for the Blind Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 7 Contact: Carol Pankow, 651.539.2272 or carol.pankow@state.mn.us	\$5,925,000 in SFY16, \$5,925,000 in SFY17	N/A

Unemployment Insurance

Policy

Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council policy and housekeeping bill

Amends M.S. 268.035, 268.051, 268.07, 268.085, 268.095, 268.105, 268.136, 268.188, 268.194, 268.184, 268.186, 268.196, 268.215, and 268.105. Repeals M.S. 268.042, subd. 4. Eliminates outdated language regarding UI benefit years. Simplifies the statutory definitions of "preponderance of the evidence", "unemployed", and "wages paid". Eliminates outdated language regarding UI tax rate buy downs. Modifies the requirements for establishing a UI benefit account. Clarifies language relating to eligibility, work search requirements, ineligibility, the refiling of appeals, Minnesota Court of Appeals filing requirements, and the ability of UI law judges to administer oaths and affirmations / depositions and issue subpoenas. Eliminates outdated language regarding overpaid benefit payments and reciprocal agreements with other states.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 6, Sec. 1 – Sec. 18.

Contact: Craig Gustafson, 651.259.7228 or craig.gustafson@state.mn.us

Special Unemployment Benefit Assistance

Clarifies the eligibility of laid off mine workers for UI benefits, even if layoffs may be temporary and vacation benefits/supplemental unemployment benefits are available.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 6, Sec. 16.

Contact: Craig Gustafson, 651.259.7228 or craig.gustafson@state.mn.us

Poultry Worker Extra Unemployment Benefits

Makes agricultural workers laid off due to the avian flu epidemic eligible for UI benefits for 13 extra weeks.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 6, Sec. 17.

Contact: Craig Gustafson, 651.259.7228 or craig.gustafson@state.mn.us

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Policy

Extended Employment Program policy changes

Amends M.S. 268A.01, 268A.03, 268A.06, 268A.07, and 268A.085. Updates provider terminology from “rehabilitation facility” to “community provider” and makes conforming changes. Updates program terminology from “center-based” to “noncompetitive”. Defines “noncompetitive employment.”

Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
Vocational Rehabilitation Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 6 Contact: Kim Peck, 651.259.7345 or kim.peck@state.mn.us	\$10,800,000 in SFY16, \$10,800,000 in SFY17	N/A
Centers for Independent Living grants Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 6 Contact: Kim Peck, 651.259.7345 or kim.peck@state.mn.us	\$2,261,000 in SFY16, \$2,261,000 in SFY17	N/A
Extended Employment Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 6 Contact: Kim Peck, 651.259.7345 or kim.peck@state.mn.us	\$12,825,000 in SFY16, \$12,825,000 in SFY17	Specifies that \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 are for rate increases to providers of extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities. Adds these amounts to the base funding. Specifies that Minnesota Diversified Industries is an eligible Extended Employment Program provider.
Individual Placement and Support Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 6 Contact: Kim Peck, 651.259.7345 or kim.peck@state.mn.us	\$2,555,000 in SFY16, \$2,555,000 in SFY17	N/A
Employment Services Grant Program for People who are Deaf, Deafblind, or Hard-of-Hearing Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2,	\$1,000,000 in SFY16, \$1,000,000 in SFY17	Specifies that if the amount in the first year is insufficient, the amount in the second year is available in the first year.

Subd. 6 Contact: Kim Peck, 651.259.7345 or kim.peck@state.mn.us		
Assistive Technology of Minnesota grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 6 Contact: Kim Peck, 651.259.7345 or kim.peck@state.mn.us	\$1,000,000 in SFY16	Specifies that the purpose of the grant is to acquire assistive technology and to work in tandem with individuals using this technology to create career paths.
Minnesota Diversified Industries grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kim Peck, 651.259.7345 or kim.peck@state.mn.us	\$450,000 in SFY16, \$450,000 in SFY17	N/A

Workforce Development

Policy

Incumbent Worker Training

Amends M.S. 116L.17, subd. 4. Makes incumbent worker training an allowable use of Dislocated Worker Program dollars.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 5

Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us

Rural Career Counseling Coordinator Program

Adds M.S. 116L.667. Establishes a new program to increase the availability of career counseling services outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 9

Contact: Annie Welch, 651.259.7525 or annie.welch@state.mn.us

Customized Training Program

Directs DEED to prioritize certain populations to be served by the Customized Training Program.

Provides definitions. Sets terms for agreements with employers and program participants. Requires MnSCU institutions to collaborate with DEED and employers to provide career-level instruction.

Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 2, Sec. 24

Contact: Nola Speiser, 651.259.7595 or nola.speiser@state.mn.us

Veterans-to-Agriculture Program

Requires DEED to collaborate with South Central College on the veterans-to-agriculture pilot program.

Reference: Laws 2015, Chapter 69, SF5, Article 1, Sec. 4

Contact: Jim Finley, 651.259.7577 or jim.finley@state.mn.us

Appropriations

Program	SFY16-17 Funding	Appropriation Language
Adult Workforce Development Competitive Grant Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Nola Speiser, 651.259.7595 or nola.speiser@state.mn.us	\$4,143,000 in SFY16, \$4,143,000 in SFY17	Allows up to five percent for administration and monitoring. Directs that grant awards be for two consecutive years and be awarded in the first year.
FastTRAC Adult Career Pathways Program** Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Nola Speiser, 651.259.7595 or nola.speiser@state.mn.us	\$1,500,000 in SFY16, \$1,500,000 in SFY17	**Note: rider language omitted, but funds are reflected in total "Appropriations by Fund".
YWCA St. Paul grant Reference: Laws 2015, First	\$400,000 in SFY16	Specifies that funds may be used for training and job

Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Nola Speiser, 651.259.7595 or nola.speiser@state.mn.us		placement assistance, including commercial driver's license training, through the job placement and retention program.
Minnesota Youth Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$4,050,000 in SFY16, \$4,050,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds may be used to expand on higher education and career advising. Directs that the program may serve all youth up to age 24.
YouthBuild Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$1,000,000 in SFY16, \$1,000,000 in SFY17	N/A
Youth At Work Competitive Grant Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$3,348,000 in SFY16, \$3,348,000 in SFY17	Allows up to five percent for administration and monitoring. Directs that grant awards be for two consecutive years and be awarded in the first year.
Higher Education Career Advising Pilot Project Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$250,000 in SFY16, \$250,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds are for higher education and career advising.
Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$750,000 in SFY16, \$750,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds may be used to administer a statewide project of youth jobs skills development. Requires a 25 percent match from nonstate resources.
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$750,000 in SFY16, \$750,000 in SFY17	Specifies that the grant must serve youth in the Twin Cities, Central Minnesota and Southern Minnesota Big Brothers, Big Sisters chapters.

St. Cloud Area Somali Salvation Organization grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$50,000 in SFY16, \$50,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds may be used for youth development and crime prevention activities.
Opportunities Industrialization Centers grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us	\$500,000 in SFY16, \$500,000 in SFY17	N/A
Minnesota High Tech Association SciTechsperience grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us	\$750,000 in SFY16, \$750,000 in SFY17	Specifies that internship opportunities must match students with paid internships within STEM disciplines at small, for-profit companies located in the seven-county metropolitan area, having fewer than 150 total employees; or at small or medium, for-profit companies located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, having fewer than 250 total employees. At least 200 students must be matched in the first year and at least 250 students must be matched in the second year. Specifies that Selected hiring companies shall receive from the grant 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern, capped at \$2,500 per intern. Specifies that the program must work toward increasing participation among women or other underserved populations.
Customized Training Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us	\$800,000 in SFY16	Appropriation for the Customized Training Program, as described in the policy section above. Specifies that \$350,000 is for Central Lakes College, \$250,000 is for Minnesota West Community

		and Technical College, and \$200,000 is for South Central College.
Resource Inc. grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us	\$500,000 in SFY16, \$500,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds may be used to provide low-income individuals career education and job skills training that are fully integrated with chemical and mental health services.
Twin Cities RISE! grant Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us	\$200,000 in SFY16, \$200,000 in SFY17	Specifies that funds are for performance grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747 to provide training to hard-to-train individuals.
Rural Career Counseling Coordinators Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Annie Welch, 651.259.7525 or annie.welch@state.mn.us	\$500,000 in SFY16, \$500,000 in SFY17	Appropriation for the new Rural Career Counseling Coordinator Program, as described in the policy section above.
Foreign Trained Healthcare Professional Grant Program Reference: Laws 2015, First Special Session Chapter 1, HF3, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Contact: Annie Welch, 651.259.7525 or annie.welch@state.mn.us	\$200,000 in SFY16	Specifies that funds should be used for a program modeled after the pilot program conducted under Laws 2006, chapter 282, article 11, section 2, subdivision 12. Directs that the program be designed to encourage state licensure of foreign-trained health care professionals, including: physicians, with preference given to primary care physicians who commit to practicing for at least five years after licensure in underserved areas of the state; nurses; dentists; pharmacists; mental health professionals; and other allied health care professionals. Directs the commissioner to collaborate with health-related licensing boards and Minnesota workforce centers to award grants to foreign-trained health care professionals sufficient to cover the actual costs of taking

		a course to prepare health care professionals for required licensing examinations and the fee for the state licensing examinations. Provides guidance on criteria for awarding grants.
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